

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

SUZUKI, Takanori et al.

Group Art Unit: UNKNOWN

NEW Application

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For: HYDROGEN STORAGE TANK

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 11, 2001

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

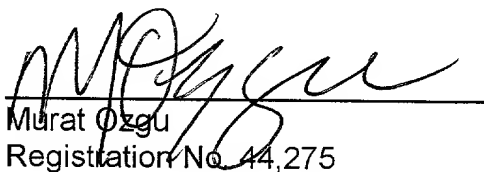
Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. The hydrogen storage tank according to claim 9, wherein the fluid passage comprises a plurality of straight passages along a longitudinal axis of the cylindrical hydrogen storage section, and a plurality of diverging/converging passages between adjacent ones of the straight passages, wherein the diverging/converging passages diverge fluid from one straight passage toward an entire outer periphery of the cylindrical hydrogen storage section and then converge the fluid toward another straight passage.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 10 is amended only to correct a formality, i.e., a typographical error in the claim from which claim 10 depends. The amendment was not made for the purpose of narrowing the scope of the claim in any way. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully.

Respectfully submitted,



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10. The hydrogen storage tank according to claim [10] 9, wherein the fluid passage comprises a plurality of straight passages along a longitudinal axis of the cylindrical hydrogen storage section, and a plurality of diverging/converging passages between adjacent ones of the straight passages, wherein the diverging/converging passages diverge fluid from one straight passage toward an entire outer periphery of the cylindrical hydrogen storage section and then converge the fluid toward another straight passage.